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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims is proposed to replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A cosmetic powder comprising:

a powder [[core]] comprising at least one of the group consisting of talc, mica, kaolin, nylon, pigment, and spherical and non-spherical silica; and

a coating applied to the powder [[core]], wherein the coating comprises at least one alpha hydroxy acid polymer or copolymer belonging to the poly alpha hydroxy acids family whereby said alpha hydroxy acid polymer or copolymer can degrade and release onto the skin of a wearer at least one of monomers and oligomers on application of said cosmetic powder to the skin,

wherein said alpha hydroxy acid polymer or copolymer is in a quantity between 0.1 to 20% by weight of the coated cosmetic powder; and

said powder is in a quantity between 60 to 99% by weight of the coated cosmetic powder.

2-5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously presented) The cosmetic powder according to claim 1, wherein said coating includes poly DL-lactide.

7. (Previously presented) The cosmetic powder according to claim 1, wherein said coating includes at least one of lipid, lipophilic and hydrophilic functional substances.

8. (Previously presented) The cosmetic powder according to claim 1, wherein said coating includes at least one of vitamins and amino acids.